

Rel. No.

AN ACT

relating to energy efficiency programs in institutions of higher education and certain governmental entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (c), (d), and (e), Section 388.005, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Each political subdivision, institution of higher education, or state agency shall establish a goal to reduce the electric consumption by the entity by at least five percent each state fiscal year for 10 ~~[six]~~ years, beginning September 1, 2011 ~~[2007]~~.

(d) A political subdivision, institution of higher education, or state agency that does not attain the goals established under Subsection (c) must include in the report required by Subsection (e) justification that the entity has already implemented all available cost-effective measures. An entity that submits a report under this subsection indicating that the entity has reviewed its available options, has determined that no additional measures are cost-effective, and ~~[it]~~ has already implemented all available cost-effective measures is exempt from the annual reporting requirement of Subsection (e) if a subsequent report would indicate no change in status. An entity may be required to provide notice that it is exempt to the State Energy Conservation Office.

(e) A political subdivision, institution of higher education, or state agency annually shall report to the State Energy Conservation Office, on forms provided by that office, regarding the entity's goal, the entity's efforts to meet the goal, and progress the entity has made under this section. The State Energy Conservation Office shall provide assistance and information to the entity to help the entity meet ~~[the]~~ goals established [set] under this section. The office must develop and make available a standardized form for reporting purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 388.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 388.006. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE EVALUATION. The State Energy Conservation Office annually shall provide the commission and the laboratory with an evaluation of the effectiveness of state and political subdivision energy efficiency programs, including programs under this chapter. The laboratory shall calculate, based on the evaluation and the forms submitted to the office, the amount of energy savings and estimated reduction in pollution achieved as a result of the implementation of programs. The laboratory shall share the information with the commission, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to help with long-term forecasting and in estimating pollution reduction.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 898 passed the Senate on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10.

Letsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 898 passed the House on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 7, two present not voting.

Robert Hemeny  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Rick Perry  
Governor

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